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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/912,711	SHIGETOMI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Tammara R Peyton	2182	

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 April 2005.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 41-44 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 41-44 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 41-44 are rejected under 35 103(a) as being unpatentable over Feamster et al., patent 5,235,586 (previously sited) and Ikeda, Japanese patent number JP361286927A, (previously sited).

As per claims 41 and 44, Feamster teaches computer system comprising a disc(removable optical disk cartridge, Fig. Fig.2), wherein the disk including a data storage area for (col. 5, lines 29-32) for storing a plurality of information and an electronic circuit portion obvious including a communication portion (115, Fig. 2, 5, lines 24-29) for processing the information and wherein the information storage portion stores a

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plurality of information to be used in communicating with an external system (102, Fig. 2, col. lines 36-47) having system control portion. However, Feamster does not teach of said electronic circuit portion including selecting means for determine if and when to obtain control data for controlling the external system via an external source.

However, Ikeda teaches an compact disk system having a data storage portion, Fig.2. wherein the data storage portion stores a plurality of control application information to be used in an external system. Ikeda also teaches an external system having control data information stored in ROM, 2. Ikeda teaches determine whether the external system need to execute control data information from ROM, 2 in order to execute the control application information stored in the compact disk system so as to allow the use of the control application information on the external system. (Ikeda, Abstract)

Ikeda's storage medium design differs from that of Applicant's however it would have been obvious one of ordinary skill that the system logic for the compact disk system of Ikeda could be implement in an optical disk design of Feamster without departing from its inventive concept, because

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Ikeda's system logic that incorporates a discriminating means that recognizes that the operation condition of the external system must include executing control data information from ROM, 2 in order to allows the external system to read out selected information (control application information) from the compact disk (Ikeda, Fig. 2). The motivation would have been to expand Ikeda's compact disk system by enhancing its flexibility in the every changing market.

As per claim 42, Feamster teaches wherein the external system comprises a computer system and information stored in the information storage system could be (Feamster, 4, lines 10-11) a system control program.

As per claim 43, Ikeda teaches wherein the control data is a driver/emulator that enable the system to read out selected information (control application information) from the compact disk (Ikeda, Fig. 2).

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is

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reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tammara Peyton whose telephone number is (571) 272-4157. The examiner can normally be reached between 6:30 - 4:00 from Monday to Thursday, (I am off every first Friday), and 6:30-3:00 every second Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Gaffin, can be reached on (571) 272-4146 . The fax phone number for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-3718. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2100.

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